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60/261. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), both of 20 December 2005, in which the Assembly and the Council concurrently operationalized the decision by the 2005 World Summit [1] to establish the Peacebuilding Commission as an intergovernmental advisory body,

Recalling in particular paragraphs 4 (*a*) to (*e*) and 5 of the above-mentioned resolutions setting out the arrangements for the composition of the Organizational Committee of the Commission,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with paragraph 4 (*e*) of the above-mentioned resolutions, seven additional members of the Organizational Committee shall be elected according to rules and procedures decided by the General Assembly,

Emphasizing that, in electing members of the Organizational Committee, the General Assembly should give due consideration to representation from all regional groups in the overall composition of the Committee and to representation from countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery,

Emphasizing also that Member States from all regional groups should have the possibility of presenting candidatures for election in the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 4 (*e*) of the above-mentioned resolutions,

1. *Notes* that the elections and/or selections that have taken place, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 (*a*) to (*d*) of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), have resulted in the following distribution of seats for this year among the five regional groups in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission:

(*a*) Five members from African States;

(*b*) Seven members from Asian States;

(*c*) Two members from Eastern European States;

[1] See resolution 60/1.

(*d*) One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(*e*) Nine members from Western European and other States;

2. *Decides* that the seven seats for election by the General Assembly for membership in the Organizational Committee for this year shall be distributed among the five regional groups as follows:

(*a*) Two seats for African States;

(*b*) One seat for Asian States;

(*c*) One seat for Eastern European States;

(*d*) Three seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(*e*) No seats for Western European and other States;

3. *Also decides* that the rules of procedure and established practice of the General Assembly for the election of members of its subsidiary bodies shall apply to its election of members of the Organizational Committee;

4. *Reiterates* that the members of the Organizational Committee shall serve for renewable terms of two years, as applicable, beginning on the day of the first meeting of the Committee;

5. *Calls upon* Member States to give due consideration to representation from countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery when electing members of the Organizational Committee in the General Assembly;

6. *Decides* that the term of membership shall be staggered, and that two members from different regional groups, to be drawn by lots in the first election, shall serve for an initial period of one year;

7. *Also decides* that each of the five regional groups shall have no less than three seats in the overall composition of the Organizational Committee;

8. *Further decides* that the elections to be held by the General Assembly this year will set no precedent for future elections and that the distribution of seats as set out in paragraph 2 above will be reviewed annually, on the basis of changes in the membership in other categories established in paragraphs 4 (*a*) to (*d*) of the above-mentioned resolutions, in order to give due consideration to representation of all regional groups in the overall composition of the Organizational Committee.

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